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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #288 - As of 7:00 am EDT)

The Imbert government has reimposed the nightly curfew and otherwise strengthened security precautions throughout the country in the wake of yesterday's rebel attack on police and army posts in the city of San Francisco de Macoris.

The well-armed attackers, reportedly numbering about 80, were dispersed after several hours of heavy firing. Several were killed and the government claims that it is holding some 30 civilians who may have been participants in the attack. Two loyalist soldiers were killed and two were wounded. The local loyalist army garrison and police unit were reinforced by troops from Santiago before the fighting was ended. Loyalist aircraft participated by assisting elements on the ground in spotting rebel firing positions.

The evidence suggests that the leaders of the attack were members of the hard-line pro-Chinese Dominican Popular Movement (MPD) and that members of the 14th of June Political Group (APCJ) probably also participated.

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US officers who accompanied an OAS team to San Francisco de Macoris immediately after the fighting yesterday report that they recognized two of the prisoners being held there as the same men they had recently observed moving in and out of the rebel-held area of Santo Domingo.

Yesterday's fighting was the most serious violence in the Dominican interior since the insurrection began nine weeks ago. It was apparently related to the previously reported plans of hard-line extremists in the rebel camp to promote uprisings in a number of towns and cities of the central Cibao area. The failure of the general strike effort, which was to prepare the way for the uprisings, has evidently not completely discouraged them.

Although there have as yet been no reported incidents elsewhere in the interior in the wake of the violence in San Francisco de Macoris, there are rumors and some credible reports that new outbreaks are due. Early last evening, in fact, there were leaflets circulating in the important city of Santiago urging an immediate uprising. Military authorities in the north coast town of Puerto Plata have heard rumors that extremists may attempt violence there shortly.

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One positive piece of news from the interior is the ending of the strike at the La Romana sugar mill. All workers had returned to work by late yesterday afternoon except for a few who had been arrested or were in hiding. [REDACTED]

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Back in Santo Domingo, there are additional indications of divisions among the Communist-oriented factions. [REDACTED]

During the 24-hour period ending at 8:00 pm EDT last night there were five reports of unprovoked

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firing on US troops from rebel territory. US forces did not return the fire.

Yesterday's fighting in San Francisco de Macoris may further raise the pressure within the Imbert government for early military action in rebel territory. Government radio outlets devoted themselves almost entirely yesterday to demands that the US and the OAS stop interfering and step aside to permit loyalist forces to move in and "clean out" the rebels. Loyalist military officers, evidently reflecting their resentment, are becoming less cooperative with US and other OAS elements in the country. The team sent by Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF) Commander Alvim to San Francisco de Macoris yesterday received a decidedly cool reception from the local military, who were obviously under instructions to provide the IAPF officers with no information or assistance.

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